

Amendment to the Claims:

1-2. (canceled)

¹
~~3.~~ (currently amended) A vector comprising ~~the nucleic acid molecule of~~
claim 2. a reporter gene operably linked to a regulatory region comprising a nucleotide
sequence of SEQ ID NO: 31 or SEQ ID NO: 32.

4. (canceled)

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~~5.~~ (currently amended) The ~~nucleic acid molecule of claim 2~~ vector of
claim 3 wherein said ~~heterologous~~ reporter gene encodes a polypeptide selected from
the group consisting of luciferase, green fluorescent protein (GFP), chloramphenicol
acetyl transferase (CAT), β -glucuronidase (GUS), secreted alkaline phosphatase
(SEAP) and β -galactosidase (β -gal).

6-32. (canceled)

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~~33.~~ (new) The vector of claim 5 wherein said vector is a cloning vector.

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~~34.~~ (new) The vector of claim 5 wherein said vector is an expression vector.